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- [] A Small Entity Statement to establish small entity status under 37 C.F.R. 1.9 and 1.27 is enclosed.

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AMENDMENT

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Sir:

This Amendment is being filed in response to the Office Action mailed from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on December 4, 2001 in the above-identified application. Reconsideration and further examination are requested.

Please amend the application as follows:

Please amend Claims 1, 7, 8, 11, 12, 23 and 57. Amendments to the claims are indicated in the attached "Marked Up Version of Amendments" (pages i - iv).